

## WESTERLY

The Rhode Island general assembly in the final hour of the session passed an act exempting the Narragansett Pier railroad from taxation up to four per cent of its earnings. Another act passed authorizes the town of South Kingstown and Narragansett to contribute to the cost of service of the road. It also authorizes the public utilities to permit the railroad company to reduce or discontinue service. The act also allows the towns to make up any deficit in cost of operating the railroad.

The act to allow Frank E. Shaw, of Providence, to sue the state to recover an amount alleged to be due for the construction of the state pier, was passed in the senate and killed in the house. This matter has been before the assembly at each session for the past ten years. The resolution specified damages of \$50,000. Representative Kludoff had the claim started at \$25,000 and had now reached \$75,000, and not \$50,000. He said that this was one of the "biggest steals Rhode Island has ever known." Representative Owen said that several lawyers employed by Mr. Shaw had died trying to digest the bill. The vote to indefinitely postpone prevailed by a vote of 43 to 21.

Among the important acts which failed of passage in the assembly were the proposed daylight saving law, the property qualification abolition bill, the milk act, the two measures designed to prevent rent profiteering, an act to investigate and adopt a plan to encourage home building, and the Sunday moving picture law. Among the important measures rushed through during the last night of the session was the act to abolish the jury commission, and providing for a state bonus for yeomen who served during the war. The bill for relief of trolley roads were indefinitely postponed. Mr. Davis voted against postponement, and Ferguson did not vote.

At the final session inaugurated were made in salaries of the commissioner of schools, the attorney general and three assistants, assistant clerk superior court for Washington county, judges of the supreme and superior courts, clerk of shell fish commission, pages in the assembly, doorkeepers and assistants, sheriff and deputies, clerks of district courts, and others.

The Rhode Island total in the Inter-church World Movement United Campaign was \$555,220 Friday. All of the returns were from Baptist churches with the exception that the Congregationalists added \$14,000 and the Methodists another \$14,000 will fill the Congregational quota. The quota for the Baptists is \$1,320,000. The Baptist churches in Plainfield, Cumberland and Greenville have over-subscribed their quotas more than seventy per cent. The Western Baptist churches have made no report to the state united campaign director, Rev. T. Clifton Harris.

Rev. Walter S. Swisher, of New London made opening prayer at the conference of Unitarian churches of Southern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut, which was held Thursday in Newport. Officers were elected as follows: Judge Chester W. Barrows, of Providence, president; Milton Reed, of Fall River, vice president; Rev. Manley B. Townsend, of Attleboro, secretary; Augustus B. Pierce, of Providence, treasurer. The conference voted to appropriate \$25 toward the fund of \$250,000 being raised for the relief of 60-100 Unitarians in Transylvania.

Narragansett Lodge of Westerners observed the 151st anniversary of Old Fellowship in America, Thursday night, with a banquet and entertainment. Charles Beeson Pettis of Boston entertained with dancing and female impersonations. Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Bailey gave selections with piano and drums, and there was singing by a quartet composed of Harry Coleman, Irving Howe, William Hair and Wilfred Blackburn.

**Local Laconics.**  
The Westerly Cycle Club minstrels, with new jokes and added features, gave another performance before a large and satisfied audience in the Bliven Opera house, Friday evening, this being the 15th public presentation.

Councilman George L. May, 87, of South Kingstown, died Wednesday night in the Rhode Island hospital following a surgical operation.

The superior court has adjourned sine die, the cases on the docket to be tried by the court, without jury having been settled.

No criminal cases were tried at Friday's session of the Third District court. Several book account cases were disposed of and others were continued to the next regular session of the court.

Coppucco, who shot Manne, is still at large.  
Miss Rosalie Higgins is home from Greenwich, Conn., on a brief vacation.  
Spanish War veterans and American Legion men, will aid the Grand Army men in arranging for the observance of Memorial day in Westerly.

The Westerly Fire department joined with the Pawtucket department in a parade Friday night, marking the opening of the fair of the Pelee S. Barber Shoe company.

After spending the season at their winter home in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Champlin returned Thursday to their home in Elm street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Sagar have

returned from Orlando, Florida, where they spent the winter.

The town council will decide Monday whether the Riverside park land will be sold to the Kinigret company for \$3000, and a substitute playground plot be purchased from Hannah Crandall, with the proceeds.

The Westerly Public Library has established a branch in the village of Bradford. Librarian Basil Poles Wood is interested in extending the influence of the library and his efforts are fully appreciated by the public.

The superior court case of Catherine Hoyt against the Westerly Automatic Telephone company to recover on the death of Samuel K. Hoyt, who was elected in the employ of the company, has been settled out of court, by the payment of \$175.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nye have moved from Spruce street to Hartford.

Mrs. Edward S. Moulton, of Providence, and Mrs. Frank H. Hamill, of Bristol spoke on Citizenship to women of Westerly in the town council chamber, Friday afternoon.

The longest ladder of the Alert Hook and Ladder company, that was broken when the truck was being backed into the fire house, has been sent away for repairs.

It is said there will be no election to elect a successor to the late Councilman

Charles D. Craig, of Waterford, has purchased a part of the Hakes farm, on the Westerly-Potter Hill road and will move there.  
Woodland east of Wood River Branch railroad track, in Hope Valley, about a mile from the junction, was ablaze Friday afternoon. Assistance was given by fire fighters from Wickford and Hope Valley. There are no buildings in the vicinity.

## STONINGTON

Mrs. Annie Holton McCort, wife of Patrick McCort, who died Thursday at her home in Bay View avenue, had been a resident of Stonington for many years. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John H. Shackley, Mrs. John F. Meuse and Miss Margaret McCort; two sons, John O. and Francis McCort, also by two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Leowith and Mrs. Bridget Denney.

## Stonington Painters.

It is now decided that there will be a mass meeting at the coming women's mass meeting, and that the speaker will be James G. Hammond, secretary of the New London Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Maud Williams who has been caring for Mrs. Samuel H. Cheele, has returned to her home in New London.

Samuel E. Andrews has returned from a visit to his old home in the Azores. Charles Squidrito and family have returned from a visit in Italy.

Complaint has been made to Warden

American Velvet company, presented him a valuable gold ring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Johnson, and has secured employment with the City National bank in New London.  
The fire alarm system is again in excellent working order.

## CHAPLIN

The Choral club that has been instructed through the winter in the rudiments of singing under the direction of Rev. Walter E. Lamphar, gave an Old Folks' concert in the Congregational church, on Wednesday evening.

The grand chorus numbered nearly fifty voices and in ye old time raiment marched into the audience room singing John Brown's Body. Rev. Mr. Lamphar, attired in ancient and attractive garb, swung his baton and marked the time for ye singers in ye old time tunes. Mr. Lamphar's introductory words and incidental remarks during the concert kept the audience in good humor. Mr. Leslie Nichols, flutist of Conantville, and Rexford Crane, violinist of Atwoodville, lent valuable aid to the chorus. Mansfield friends' fill their fine voices who helped the chorus so much were: Mr. and Mrs. George Wyman, Miss Abbie Storrs, Mrs. M. Leslie Nichols and Robert Stearns. Mrs. Samuel B. Harvey, of Willimantic, a fine alto, also assisted the singers.

Miss Ada Porter, of South Manchester, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, gave in fine voice three group songs in different costumes. Miss Jessie Reynolds was her accompanist. Wesley E. Porter of Manchester contributed several violin selections. All the numbers were loudly applauded and the concert was a pleasing success. The programme

follows:  
Rainbow, by the chorus club; Auld Lang Syne, choral club; Just a Group of Songs Folks Like to Hear, by Miss Ada M. Porter; selections on the violin, Wesley E. Porter; group of songs, Miss Ada Porter; selections on violin and flute, M. Leslie Nichols, Rexford Crane, Mrs. M. Leslie Nichols, accompanist; Invitation, Sherburne, by choral club; violin selections, Wesley E. Porter; Grandma's Advice, song, Ellen Welch; Ethel McLean and Bernice Chappell; Count Veddelah, choral club; Doxology, by chorus and audience.

The farm known for many years as the John W. Griggs place was sold at public auction, Tuesday. Horace Eaton of Windham, purchased it for \$2835.  
Mrs. Samuel B. Harvey of Willimantic was a visitor over Wednesday night at F. W. Martin's, and attended the Old Folks' concert, Wednesday evening.

**Jig is Up.**  
"Economy is the only way to avert a national financial crisis." In that case, we're afraid the jig is up.—Charleston News and Observer.

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**The Only Solution.**  
We shall probably never get away from secret diplomacy until we turn diplomatic affairs over to the women.—Johnstown (N. Y.) Democrat.

**No Leap Year Proposal.**  
Herb Hoover says he will not make an "active drive" for the nomination. He may be very sure it will hardly be wished on.—Chicago News.

**Pa.**  
Having lost Hoover, the democrats must again scurry around for someone resembling a real candidate.—Detroit Free Press.

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